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Propounded by Plaintiffs

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 WESTERN DIVISION**

MARK MUNOZ, *et al., etc.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEJANDRO VILLANUEVA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

2:22-002538-DMG(JEMx)

**RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' *EX PARTE*
 APPLICATION FOR
 CONTINUANCE OF HEARING
 DATE**

Judge Dolly M. Gee

On the ground that defendant's counsel, once again, has not presented truthful and honest information to the court in support of his application, Declaration of Stephen Yagman, attached hereto, plaintiffs object to the relief sought, because his dishonesty, as pointed out in the Declaration, is a basis for not crediting and/or believing his other assertions that he sets forth as the bases for the application. Three weeks within which to respond to the instant motion is excessive, and at odds with the Local Rules, the "speedy" requirement of Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 1, and, most importantly, the fact that plaintiffs and thousands of class members must languish in the awful Los Angeles County jail during that time.

1 Defense counsel's firm has a large number of attorneys and have known
2 from June 17 to July 8, 21 days, that the instant motion was coming, and should
3 have planned to be ready to respond to it. It could have been filed on June 24, but
4 was not file on that date because of the mail delays at the jail, for which defendant
5 is responsible. Declaration of Stephen Yagman.

6 Respectfully submitted,
7 **YAGMAN + REICHMANN, LLP**

8 By: /s/ Stephen Yagman
9 **STEPHEN YAGMAN**
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DECLARATION OF STEPHEN YAGMAN

I, Stephen Yagman, declare the following to be true under the penalty of perjury at Venice Beach, California, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, on the date set forth below my signature hereinbelow.

1. I am one of the attorneys for the plaintiff in this action.

2. I write only to correct some misstatements in the Declaration of Justin Clark, submitted in support of the application.

3. I did not participate in the L.R. 7-3 meeting, as Mr. Clark states in para. 5 of his declaration, with him on June 21 or on any other date.

4. In fact, I participated in that meeting with Paul Beach on June 17, at 9:00 a.m., at which time I conducted the L.R. 7-3 conference for the instant motion and another contemplated motion, concerning the jail delays in providing attorney-client mail to inmates and mailing out attorney-client mail of inmates, as well as the Rule 26(f) conference. I attach hereto my Diary and Work Record page for that date. "TF/OC/PB" is my shorthand for telephone with opposing counsel Paul Beach.

5. What Mr. Clark states about that meeting is inadmissible in evidence because he has no personal, firsthand knowledge of it, as it was not with him.

6. What Mr. Clark states in para. 7 of his declaration is inaccurate and misleading. When I began working on July 11, at about 9:00 a.m., I found a telephone message left by Mr. Clark, at 8:22 a.m. All he said was that he wished to discuss changing the briefing schedule on the instant motion and he asked me to telephone him back, to (818)748-8671, which I did at 9:20 a.m. There was no person who answered, and I left him a message that I was returning his call and

1 left my office telephone number. There was no mention whatever of any *ex parte*
2 application, and he did not return my telephone call.

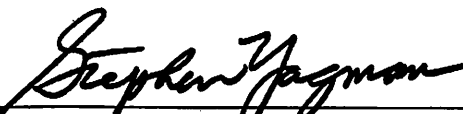
3 7. As with the subject of plaintiffs' motion to adjudge Mr. Clark in
4 contempt, Mr. Clark, once again, has not been truthful.

5 8. Judge Gee's webpage requires of *ex parte* applications that:
6 The moving party shall immediately serve the *ex parte* application on the
7 opposing party by fax, email, or hand delivery and shall notify the opposing
8 party that any opposition must be filed not later than 24 hours after the
service of the application.

9 The application has not been served by fax, email, or hand delivery, nor is
10 there any contention that it was so served. Nor does it contain any notification of
11 when an opposition is due, and on these grounds alone it should be denied.

12 9. The declarations submitted in support of the application are not old or
13 stale, as Mr. Clark contends. It was not until I had all of them in hand, which was
14 on July 8, that I could file the motion. Mr. Clark always makes this claim, but the
15 reason they are not dated on the dates I file motions is because defendant's jail
16 delays incoming mail to class members and also delays outgoing mail, so that
17 often it takes as much as a month from when I send declarations to inmates until I
18 receive them back. (I am in the process of preparing an additional action based on
19 the chronic and endemic mail delays, for obstruction of justice and denial of
20 access to the courts, and many of the declarants already have filed PLRA
21 grievances concerning that issue.)

22 10. It is incorrect that class members would not be prejudiced by any delay,
23 as every day of delay is an additional day in jail, which they otherwise might not
24 have to suffer.

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DIARY & WORK RECORD

Week 24 • Day 168 • JUNE 2022

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REF	NAME OR PROJECT	DETAILS OF MEETINGS • AGREEMENTS • DECISIONS	TIME HRS MIN
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2	White	SON id & RA, Intn, RP	.25
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8	Lockett	HF Castilla re sett + mem jfk	.25
9	Lockett (2)	dr new case 1983 + R110	
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15	Carr	HF JC (DA case)	.25
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19		- Tomb, mail + 26(A)	.50
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